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Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 104th plenary meeting, on 12 July 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 67th and 68th meetings, on 20 and 22 July 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/53/SR.67 and 68).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (A/53/238/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/1019).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.79

4. At the 68th meeting, on 22 July, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" (A/C.5/53/L.79), submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.79 without a vote (see para. 7).

6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the States Members of the United

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Nations that are members of the European Union), Mexico, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), China, Uganda, India, Cuba, Kenya, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Japan, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Pakistan and Tunisia (see A/C.5/53/SR.68).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Acknowledging the complexity of the activities envisaged in the Mission,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

[1] A/53/238/Add.1.

[2] A/53/1019.

4. *Emphasizes also* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Deeply regrets* that the report of the Secretary-General does not contain adequate and precise information to substantiate fully the request submitted;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Decides* to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 200 million United States dollars, inclusive of the amount of 50 million dollars authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for the operation of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Mission;

8. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 125 million dollars among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

9. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

10. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

11. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, as a matter of priority, to the General Assembly a comprehensive report on the financing of the Mission, including full budget estimates and information on the utilization of resources until the time of the submission of the report to enable the General Assembly to take action on it at the earliest opportunity;

13. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to submit the full budget to the General Assembly by the end of September/early October 1999;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".